

***President***

**To all members of the Conference of INGOs**

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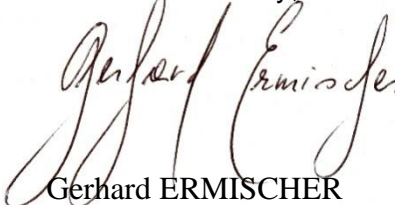
**Anniversary of the Russian invasion of Ukraine**

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Today we remember the beginning of the full-scale invasion and Russian aggression against Ukraine. This morning a [ceremony marking one year of Russia's aggression against Ukraine](#) took place in front of the Palais de l'Europe and an extraordinary meeting of the Committee of Ministers, which for the first time was broadcasted and live-streamed.

Our Civil Society Committee on the Rights of the Child has drafted a [declaration on the situation of children in Ukraine](#) accompanied by an explanatory [memorandum](#) which has been endorsed by the Standing Committee. I thereby use this opportunity to send it to all of you.

Yours sincerely,

  
Gerhard ERMISCHER